

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 5-8 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 8 have been amended. It is submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated November 13, 2009.

Examiner's Interview

Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesy extended by Examiner Waits to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview conducted on April 7, 2010.

In accordance with the suggestion presented by the Examiner during the interview and indicated by an Interview Summary dated April 7, 2010, independent claims 1, 6 and 8 have been amended to overcome all the outstanding rejections. This Amendment is supported by, for example, Fig. 2 and the specification (page 10, lines 1-2).

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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